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Parents, Friends & Whanau of
Waitomo Caves School

Thank you once again to all the parents and businesses that have helped out in this very busy and very successful term of fundraising. We will have a summary of what funds we have raised in the next newsletter to go towards a new playground.

Community News

Holiday Fun Football (soccer) programme – April holidays – 10am to 3pm
Tuesday 22 April – Te Kuiti High School (next to the pavilion)
Wednesday 23 April – Kio Kio Primary School
Register with Scott Parsonage (WaiBOP) at: scottp@sportwaikato.org.nz
Bring: boots and shoes (in case it's wet), lunch and drink plus warm jersey for after the session. Cost: \$10 per child per day, and \$5 extra child per day. Ages: 7 to 13. Any queries to Scott Parsonage or Lorraine Fox at corbie@ihug.co.nz

Otorohanga District Library School Holiday Activity, for children aged 7 to 10 years old. Come and join us for some simple craft activities to commemorate ANZAC Day. Wednesday 23 April, 10.30-12noon, St Johns Ambulance Hall, Kakamutu Road, Otorohanga. Numbers are limited so bookings are essential phone the library on 07 8737175 to reserve a place.

Children's Work

Congratulations to all performers at the Waitomo Caves Sports Day.



What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

11 April	Dental visit, soccer training begins
12 April	Soccer opening tournament
17 April	Community Assembly, end of Term 1
5 May	Start of Term 2
10 May	Soccer games commence, & rugby & netball

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Whaia te ara totika – Make the Right Choice

Term One 2014

Week Nine – 4 April

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Whanau and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Farewell to Blaze Cameron who now attends Otorohanga South School. We wish him well with his adventures at his new school.

Congratulations Waitomo Caves School! We have won 1,000 sample pots of Dulux paint from the Dulux "Mission for Art" promotion in association with Classic Hits. We are looking forward to using the paints for class art projects and our whole school art focus next term with clay.



Thank you parents and caregivers who attended the recent parent meeting regarding shared information on the school Behaviour Management Plan on procedures and programmes to maintain a positive school culture.

Change of School Hours Trial

Recent findings during the trial with change of school hours have shown the following:

- Less disruptions in the playground in the morning
- Children establish their games quickly to make the most of their



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- morning play time, less lingering
- Morning tea and lunch times are earlier which mean children are not getting hungry
- Children move promptly and more quicker to class when the morning bell goes
- Children have more energy in the morning and are motivated to learn

Mrs Dimond will be encouraging parents and caregivers to share their experiences regarding the trial. No future decisions will be made until everyone has expressed their views.

Sports

Touch teams finish their six week tournament next week. Good luck for your final games on Thursday 10 April. All players must have their touch subs paid before the end of this term.

Netball in Te Kuiti begins for primary school players on Saturday 10 May. There is a Year 1-3 Tots & Tiny Programme this year enabling beginners to participate in drills and skills activities for half an hour a week on the Saturday morning at the same time, (TBC). The fee for each player is \$20.00 for the 2014 season. Every school is to nominate one helper to attend a Star Helper Course for Tots & Tiny's which is scheduled for Monday 12 May, 7.00pm upstairs at the netball courts.

If anyone is interested in sharing their netball skills with a group of children at school during lunchtime breaks one day a week please contact Mrs Dimond to pursue the idea for keen beginners.

Rugby players who have expressed an interest in this sport have involved themselves in clubs. Play starts on Saturday 10 May. Anyone wanting to play who have not found a team or club to play for can contact Mrs Dimond.

Soccer begins on Saturday 12 April with an opening day tournament held in Te Kuiti from 9.00am onwards. Four teams are entered into the competition this year with Steve, Julian, Adrian and Suz coaching. We also welcome back Nate and Huiarangi Kenny-Falwasser to the 11th grade team.

Training sessions begin for all teams, following the conclusion of touch, on Friday 11 April at 2.30pm. Steve's team, the 11th grade Waitomo Turbo's will train at the Domain starting at approx. 3.10pm. Players will receive uniforms, details and information regarding soccer next week.

In support of the NKCJF committee we are helping to get the season started with a working bee at the soccer grandstand. Jobs involve cleaning

the kiosk, toilets, and showers under the grandstand. Parents whose children train in the Wednesday's squad, and anyone else who wish to, are asked to come along and help on Wednesday 9 April from 4.30pm onwards.

Variety Bash

We all had a very exciting morning when the Variety Bash group came to school. They enjoyed the breakfast our fundraising group prepared and we were lucky to get lots of goodies to take home and gifts for the school.



From the Fundraising Group

QEII National Trust Lunch went really well. We raised approximately \$1100. A huge thank you to those who shopped, baked, did prep the night before, made lunches on the day and did the running around. Bidy, Hira, Monica, Alannah, Suz, Jodie, Riteshni, Sandra, Rebecca, Batch, Bex, Ben & Leonie. Also thank you to the businesses that supported us, Coupland's Bakery, Kahikatea Drive Hamilton and Roseland's Restaurant, Waitomo.

Kindling or Chippy Wood For Sale at \$10.00 per box. There is still one bundle of timber on the field waiting to be cut up into box lengths so please feel free to come along to the school with your chainsaws any time outside of school hours to cut and pack into banana boxes. We have some boxes but more would be appreciated.

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